[*English*]

Setting up of Budget Hotels

2021. SHRI SANAT MEHTA:
SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI
CHIKHALIA:
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up 100 budget hotels in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to set up such hotels at Veravel, Dwarka, Okha and important tourist cities in Gujarat;

(d) if so, the time by which these hotels are likely to be completed and made operational; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (e) The proposal is in a conceptual stage.

Educational Satellite TV Channel

2022. SHRI HARIN PATHAK:
SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATEL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch a round the clock educational satellite TV Channel with focus on adult literacy and elementary education programmes;

(b) if so, whether the Government have set up a committee to work out its modalities and indentify the transponder for the said channel; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this new channel is likely to come into force?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) A Working Group on "Rapid Expansion of Open Learning/Distance Education" has been constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (Deptt. of Education) under the Chairmanship of Education Secretary. The first meeting of the Working Group was held on 29.11.95 wherein it was decided to constitute a sub-group under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Adult Education), Deptt. of Education to look into the various aspects and formalise the requirements for Educational Channel. The Group has since made some recommendations which are under examination. At this stage, no specific time frame for operationalisation of the Channel can be indicated.

[*Translation*]

Installation of TV Transmitters during Ninth Plan

2023. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:
SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of High Power, Low Power and very low power transmitters and transponders proposed to be set up during the Ninth Plan period, State-wise;

(b) the allocation made by the Government for this purpose, State-wise;

(c) whether some transmitter projects are lagging behind the schedule;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) While Doordarshan's new schemes under the Ninth Plan have yet to be finalised, a list showing number of TV transmitters of varying power including transmitters for Metro Channel service, presently under implementation, State-wise, is given in the enclosed statement;

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Implementation of certain Doordarshan projects has got delayed mainly due to non-availability of sites/buildings, other infrastructural facilities and constraints of resources. These ongoing TV projects are, however, expected to be completed in phases by 1999-2000.

Statement

List showing number of TV transmitters of varying powers including transmitters for metro channel service, presently under implementation in the country, state-wise (as on 28.2.1997)

S.No.	State/U.Ts	HPTs DD-1 DD-2	LPTs DD-1 DD-2	VLPTs	Trans- ponders	Total Transmitters
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
01.	Assam	0	0+2	0	0	2
02.	Andhra Pradesh	2+1	20	1	0	24